

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
5 LINSLEY STREET  
NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

**MINUTES**

Date: December 9, 2010

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: Sandra Cummings, Steve DiCapua, Alicia Clapp, Carole Franceschet, James Hogan, Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Bryan Bogen, and Patricia K. Brozek, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Bert Mozealous was absent

Meeting called to order by Sandra Cummings at 7:30 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2010

Motion: to approve the Minutes of November 18, 2010

Approved

MOVED: James Hogan  
SECOND: Alicia Clapp  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Budgets:

- a. 2010-2011 Budget
- b. State and Federal Funds
- c. Extra-Curricular Activities

Moved: to accept budget reports and place them on file

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien  
SECOND: James Hogan  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN:

3. Report of Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Operation

Mr. DiCapua reported no change from last month in the current budget. He stated they discussed the 2011-2012 budget and that we are awaiting all of the preliminary data from the schools within the next week or two. Mr. DiCapua stated there is some concern with any capital items we will receive. He reported that he is waiting on the insurance quote from Anthem. Mr. DiCapua stated that he was informed from the Finance Director that we would get our population bids separate from the Town in order to accurately allocate the expenses.

b. Personnel

No report.

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

Mrs. Franceschet reported the committee met on Monday, December 6, 2010. She stated that representatives from the Middle Schools gave updated in the Social Studies and Language Arts Curriculum. Don Johnson reported for Social Studies and Pam Kendrick for Language Arts. Mrs. Franceschet stated that the social studies curriculum is validated by State Standards. The Language Arts Curriculum Guide has proven to be excellent resource. She stated that the Health Curriculum was given by Barbara Peck and it also meets State Standards. Mrs. Franceschet reported that they are working to get the elementary report cards up to State Standards. She stated that the next Curriculum, Instruction and Planning meeting will be Monday, January 3, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

4. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported that she attended ACES annual Christmas Meeting. She said that the children attended from various schools, as well as parents and teachers. The students were recognized with certificates for their work done. Mrs. Clapp reported that Dr. Edmondson gave a report regarding IEPs at the State level. She stated that they are trying to simplify the IEP documents so they won't be so difficult to work with. Mrs. Clapp reported that there will be a consortium of school districts headed by ACES that will look at transportation/insurance rates for more realistic costs. Mrs. Clapp stated that the legislative lobbyist attended who said the money situation is poor with a grimmer budget than last year.

5. North Haven PTA Council

Mrs. Franceschet stated that PTA Council met on November 22, 2010. She reported that Al Benjunes, Director of Dining Services spoke with regards to the Chartbuster Program, a year long promotion and special activities encouraging students to make healthy eating choices. Mrs. Franceschet reported the schools are providing wonderful enrichment programs for the students, holding numerous fundraisers and encouraging a variety of community involvement activities. PTA Council will meet again on Monday, January 4, 2011.

6. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported:

- District wide bullying workshop at Montowese Elementary School.
- Montowese - Senior Songsters – sing-a long , distributing report cards on December 15, 2010, and the Christmas concert is on December 21, 2010
- Ridge Road Christmas concert is on December 15, 2010, Ridge Road had CALI training on School Climate, December 21, 2010 Ridge Road is welcoming the senior citizens for a sing-a-long, December 3, 2010 PTA sponsored an assembly on Birds of Prey. The fourth graders worked with the Regional Water Authority, while the first graders worked with the Whitney Water Center in the science rooms. Integrated Day Program completed their K-5 project in "Factory", all proceeds will benefit the Ridge Road Outreach Team.
- North Haven Middle School: Dates have been set for NEASC which will be May 15-18, 2011. Parent conferences are concluding this evening. The Winter Concert Season has begun at the Middle School.
- Clintonville Elementary School: They have completed three deliveries of food for the Food Bank. They have a Coat Drive underway. Clintonville PTA is having a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 11, 2010 from 9-3. Clintonville is also having Student Council Elections this Friday for the fifth grade. They will also hold a Senior Songsters presentation on December 14, 2010. On

- December 21, there will be another Town Meeting being held for the entire student body with the theme of “celebrating our differences”.
- Board of Education has been invited to an Open House at ARC on December 15, 2010 from 1:30 – 5:30.
  - North Haven High School hosted the Senior to Senior Breakfast this week.
  - One of our longtime teachers and administrators, Len Sbabo passed away suddenly right before Thanksgiving in Venice Florida. Len was a science teacher and an Assistant Principal at the junior high school and high school for 35 years. His wife Carol taught in Green Acres for many years. Len was a great guy who will be fondly remembered for his dedication to North Haven Public Schools.

7. Public Comments: no public comments

8. Executive Session

Moved: to go into Executive Session for matters of the Superintendent search at 7:45 p.m.

MOVED: Anita Anderson  
SECOND: James Hogan  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN:

Moved: to enter into public session at 8:40 p.m.

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN:

9. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschet  
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Cummings  
Chairman